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In re application of: **ROBERT F. MILLER and
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For: **METAL PIPE COUPLING AND ASSEMBLY**

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**RESPONSE TO
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Dear Sir:

Applicant claims small entity status.

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Enclosed in response to the **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
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Granted ("NOTICE")**, which included **PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH
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- (1) **PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE;**

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- (2) Our check #6390 in payment of the \$460.00 small entity filing fees and surcharges (\$395.00 statutory basic filing fee + \$65.00 surcharge for late filing fee/oath/declaration). Please charge any deficiency in fees and any additional fees to the undersigned's deposit account no. 04-0039 (ref. 505981);
- (3) **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**, PTO/SB/22, and our check #6391 in payment of the associated extension fee;
- (4) **DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION**, PTO/SB/01;
- (5) **POWER OF ATTORNEY**, PTO/SB/81, specifically a separate **POWER** signed by each inventor;
- (6) **PETITION TO ADVANCE EXAMINATION OF APPLICATION** and
(7) supporting **DECLARATION** by applicant; and
- (8) Stamped, self-addressed acknowledgment postcard.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If an additional extension of time is required, that is, if it is or becomes necessary to extend the period for response beyond the period requested in the accompanying **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**, please consider this a petition and request for such extension of time and authorization to charge the associated extension fees to the undersigned's deposit account, 04-0039 (ref. 505981).

Respectfully submitted,
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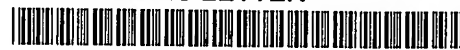
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).


- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$450** for a Small Entity

- **\$385** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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